October 24

Ecclesiasticus 39:5-8, 12

A Most High-centered Mind

5 He will give
his heart to
resort* early to
the Lord that
made him, and
will pray before
the most high,
and will open
his mouth in
prayer, and
make

supplication
for his sins.
6 When the great
Lord will, he
shall be filled
with the spirit of
understanding:
he shall pour out
wise sentences,
and give thanks
unto the Lord in

his prayer.
7 He shall direct
his counsel and
knowledge, and
in his secrets
shall he meditate.
8 He shall shew
forth that which
he hath learned,
and shall glory in
the law of the

covenant of
the Lord.
8 He shall shew
forth that which
he hath learned,
and shall glory
in the law of the
covenant of
the Lord.
12 Yet I have
more to say

which I have
thought upon,
for I am filled
as the moon
at the full.**

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*<u>resort</u> – course of action, strategy, choice

** John 21:25, Ecclesiasticus 39:12; 16:5; 43:32

Verses 1-4 of this chapter talk about people who have a very strong desire

to go deeper into things of God.
*[See **January 26**]*

They speak of one's passion for the law of the most High. This passage continues that thought.

People who are

seriously into God are unique. This does not speak of those who are religious assembly attendees, or those who like to say, “I’m spiritual” while being quite casual about godly spirituality. These

most High-centered souls start out by giving their hearts to God in prayer. They pray for forgiveness of their own sins.

Their prayers include pouring

out wise sentences and thanksgiving. That happens when “the great Lord” fills them with the spirit of understanding. God will give guidance and the truly faithful will meditate on

His secrets.
They will exemplify what they have learned and will be a glory to God by their living of the law of His covenants. They're excited about it.

There was so much

more to say about the most High-centered mind, but extreme enthusiasm and exhilaration prevented the writer of this passage from saying more at that time**.

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